

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting

January 30, 2007 – 8:00 p.m. – Charles Campagne School All-Purpose Room

Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Messrs. Michael Kelly, Tom Frost, Joel Dauman, Kurt Spears, and Mrs. Sandra Watson.

Absent: Mr. Hugh Walker

Also Present: Dr. Richard Marsh, Superintendent; Mr. Terrence Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Technology; Ms. Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Ms. Angelita Cintado, Charles Campagne Principal; Dr. Deborah King, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Ms. Kim Parahus, Director of Facilities & Operations; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

Approximately 35 members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

The Charles Campagne Chamber Orchestra performed two songs under the conduction of Ms. Nazli River, music teacher. The nine talented students performed two songs and the audience expressed their pleasure with a round of applause.

The next presentation of the evening was a review of the Special Education program by Dr. King. She discussed the results of the Special Education Quality Assurance Focused Review which was conducted by the State Education Department during the 2005-2006 school year. Dr. King explained that the goal of the review was to make programs more effective and improve results for students with disabilities. She reviewed the positive findings that the State noted during their audit, and reviewed their suggestions. Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. King indicated the various services available to students. She also briefly explained how the Inclusion program will be expanded at JFK Middle School and Bethpage High School during the 2007-2008 school year. Dr. King concluded her presentation with a concise description of the CAP program at Bethpage High School. At the conclusion, the audience showed their appreciation with a round of applause for her thorough presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2006.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on January 18, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Agenda Meeting held on January 23, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER’S REPORT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending December 31, 2006.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS: No comment.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignation

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education ratify the resignation of Rosemarie Sgroi, Elementary School Monitor, effective January 26, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Increase in Hourly Salaries

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that, due to an increase in the New York State Department of Labor hourly minimum wage, employees in the following positions shall be paid at the hourly rate of \$7.15 per hour effective January 1, 2007:

- Lifeguards
- Student Workers
- Substitute Monitors

THEREFORE, the following part-time employees shall receive an increase in their hourly salaries to \$7.15 per hour effective January 1, 2007, without benefits:

Glenn Neuman

Part-Time Student Worker

Gene Romanelli, Jr.
Joseph Rubino

Part-Time Student Worker
Part-Time Student Worker

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Rescind Extracurricular Appointment

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education rescind the appointment of Stacey Murphy as Girls' JV Lacrosse Coach for the 2006-2007 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Appointments

Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Activity Schedule

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the updated schedule of extracurricular/co-curricular appointments, as submitted, for the 2006-2007 school year.

Note: A copy of the Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Activities Schedule is available in the Office of Human Resources.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Regents Review Sessions

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following instructors of Regents Review Sessions for the 2006-2007 school year, effective February 1, 2007, at \$57 each per hour:

Jill Bennardo	Chris Pollatos
Lauren Como	Dennis Sciacca
Elizabeth Kruzynski	Susan Scigliabaglio
Anita Vultaggio	

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Custodian

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of David Gill as Custodian, full time, effective January 31, 2007, with a maximum probationary period of 26 weeks. Annual salary will be \$44,176, based upon Step 3 of the 2006-2007 salary schedule, with benefits.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Teacher Aide, Part Time, Substitute

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Christina Meyer as Teacher Aide, Part Time, Substitute, effective January 1, 2007. Hourly salary is \$9.41, based upon the 2006-2007 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Per Diem Substitute Teachers for the 2006-2007 school year, without benefits. Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teacher compensation policy.

Suzanne Brunelle ⁽¹⁾
Woodrow Cromarty ⁽¹⁾
Kristina Saccocio

⁽¹⁾ This is an emergency conditional appointment and is conditioned upon and subject to criminal clearance from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE. If the District receives notice of denial of clearance by the Commissioner, this appointment shall immediately terminate.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Teacher Aide, Part Time, Substitute

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Deborah Perry as Teacher Aide, Part Time, Substitute, effective immediately upon fingerprint clearance from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE and approval of application and fingerprinting by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. Salary will be \$9.41 per hour, based upon the 2006-2007 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Kelly Cusumano as Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher, commencing January 29, 2007 through June 1, 2007 and thereafter at the Board's discretion on a per diem basis, as necessary. Salary is in accordance with the Permanent Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Co-Curricular Appointment

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of education approve the appointment of Laura Pomes as elementary AIS instructor for the 2006-2007 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Family Medical Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Stephanie Peace, effective April 23, 2007 through June 30, 2007, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Dr. Marsh noted that it was a pleasure to read the next resolution because he appreciates the great job Mr. Clark is doing as Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Technology. He also complimented Mr. Clark on being a phenomenal Webmaster.

Tenure Recommendation

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the tenure recommendation for Terrence Clark in the administrative tenure area of Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Technology, effective January 31, 2007.

ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it performed its first reading of the following revised policy and approves its adoption:

No. 1230 Filing of Expenditure Statements

Note: The Board performed its first reading of the above policy at the January 23rd Agenda Meeting. Copies of this revised policy were available to the public this evening.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it performed its first reading of the following new policy and approves its adoption:

No. 8620 Student Teachers/Interns

Note: The Board performed its first reading of the above policy at the January 23rd Agenda Meeting. Copies of the above policy were available to the public this evening.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: December 19, 2006 January 19, 2007

CSE: December 5, 2006 December 7, 2006 December 11, 2006
 December 12, 2006 December 13, 2006 December 18, 2006
 December 19, 2006 December 20, 2006 December 21, 2006
 January 3, 2007 January 5, 2007 January 8, 2007
 January 10, 2007 January 16, 2007

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the recommendations of the CPSE/CSE for the above dates have been reviewed by the Board of Education, and arrangements will be made for the special educational programs and services and parent notification.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

FLOW-THROUGH AGREEMENTS

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the IDEA flow-through agreements with the following schools for the 2006-2007 school year. The 2006-2007 Section 619A per student sub-allocation shall be \$482.00 and the 619B per student sub-allocation shall be \$321.00. The 2006-2007 Section 611A per student sub-allocation shall be \$1,361.00 and the 611B per student sub-allocation shall be \$907.00. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements on their behalf.

Name of School	Section 611A	Section 611B	Section 619A	Section 619B	Cost
AHRC/Nassau County		3			\$ 2,721
Hagedorn Little Village	8	1	8		\$ 15,651
Marcus Avenue Early Childhood Developmental Program	1		1		\$ 1,843

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

HOME TUTORING AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between Syosset Home Tutoring, Inc., and the Bethpage Union Free School District at \$40.00 per hour for homebound tutoring services and \$40.00

per period (up to one hour) of resource room services during the 2006-2007 school year in accordance with the amount of hours and instruction categories requested by the District. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

HEALTHCARE STAFFING AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between Horizon Healthcare Staffing/Home Care Therapies, LLC and the Bethpage Union Free School District for the purpose of providing the full range of nursing staffing services on an as-needed basis during the 2006-2007 school year. The following hourly rates will apply for all shifts:

Certified Nurse’s Aide (CNA)	\$20.00
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	\$36.00
Registered Nurse (RN)	\$45.00

The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

INSTRUCTIONAL AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between Farmingdale Union Free School District (receiving district) and the Bethpage Union Free School District (sending district) for the purpose of providing Gifted and Talented Services to one Bethpage child at a cost of \$1,902.42 for the 2006-2007 school year. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

DONATION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,000 from Learning Golf to support professional development in the area of critical thinking and self discovery.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter-approved 2006-2007 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$1,000 to support professional development in the area of critical thinking and self discovery.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education declare the following equipment, currently located at Kramer Lane School, as unrepairable and therefore obsolete, with no value to the School District, and authorizes that it may be removed from the District inventory.

- 13 wooden chairs
- Sanitary Slicker food slicer (serial #18497)
- Hobart food slicer (serial #1299717)

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE BOOKS FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education declare the following books obsolete and of no use and no value to the school district, and authorizes that they may be removed from the district inventory:

Science (Holt; 1983) – 17 copies

Mathematics in Action (MacMillan/McGraw Hill; 1992) – 60 copies

American Nation (Prentice Hall; various editions; 1992-1997) – 120 copies

Note: These books have been replaced with newer textbooks.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

GRANT IN AID

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education accept \$35,000 in Grant in Revenue Aid through the efforts of Senator Marcellino to be used for general purposes.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter approved 2006-2007 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$35,000 towards the purchase of equipment and supplies for safety and security purposes.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

CENSUS AND DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education accept the results of the Census and Demographic Request for Proposal held on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. A total of four (4) bid packets were mailed out and one (1) bid proposal from Ross Haber Associates, Inc. was received.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education award the bid to Ross Haber Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$24,500, the lowest responsible bidder and the only bidder meeting specifications. The Board further authorizes

the Board President to execute the contract with Ross Haber Associates, Inc., as provided for and pursuant to the terms of the bid package, on their behalf.

Note: A copy of the bid summary is available in the Business Office.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION SERVICES ENGAGEMENT LETTER

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears: WHEREAS the Board of Education approved, on September 26, 2006, the appointment of the firm of Callaghan Nawrocki, LLP, CPA to serve in the capacity of Internal Audit Function Services (“Internal Auditor”) in accordance with the District’s request for proposals and subject to approval of a mutually acceptable engagement letter; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the engagement letter dated October 1, 2006, in accordance with the terms and monetary amount indicated in the auditor’s response to the District’s request for proposals, as follows:

Annual Fee: \$49,040, to be billed monthly at the 1/12th rate of \$4,086 per month

Hourly Rates: \$175 Partner
\$150 Manager
\$ 90 Staff

The Board of Education may, in the Board’s complete discretion, renew this Agreement for each of the following years: 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute the engagement letter on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

TEXTBOOK DESIGNATIONS

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education designate the use of the following textbooks effective with the 2006-2007 school year, as indicated:

- American Anthem published by Holt, Rinehart, for use in the honors grade 8 classes, at a cost not to exceed \$70 per textbook for approximately 60 textbooks for a total cost of \$4,200.

Note: The honors classes have been using a different textbook.

- United States History published by Prentice Hall for use in high school grade 11 classes, at a cost not to exceed \$73 per textbook for approximately 275 textbooks for a total cost of \$20,075.

Note: This will replace the current textbooks from 1995.

- History of Our World published by Prentice Hall for use in the middle school grade 6 classes, at a cost not to exceed \$63 per textbook for approximately 260 textbooks for a total of \$16,380.

Note: This will replace the current textbooks from 1995.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW ADJUSTMENTS

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education accept the recent change in the state law affecting the following resolutions:

- Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Exemption: Pursuant to the authority provided by Chapter 462 of the Laws passed in 2003, amending §459 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Board of Education hereby adopts the income eligibility level for exemption from taxation of a percentage of assessed valuation as set forth in the following schedule:

Income	Percentage Exemption
Up to and including \$26,000	50%
At least \$26,001 but less than \$27,000	45%
At least \$27,000 but less than \$28,000	40%
At least \$28,000 but less than \$29,000	35%
At least \$29,000 but less than \$29,900	30%
At least \$29,900 but less than \$30,800	25%
At least \$30,800 but less than \$31,700	20%
At least \$31,700 but less than \$32,600	15%
At least \$32,600 but less than \$33,500	10%
At least \$33,500 but less than \$34,400	5%

The exemption will take effect for assessment rolls with taxable status dates occurring on or after January 2, 2006, and will apply to the 2007-2008 school tax bills. The filing period for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Exemption is September 1st through January 2nd.

- Senior Citizen Exemption: Pursuant to the authority provided by Chapter 462 of the New York Real Property Tax Laws passed in 2003, amending §467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Board of Education hereby adopts the income eligibility level for exemption from taxation of a percentage of assessed valuation as set forth in the following schedule:

Income	Percentage Exemption
Less than \$26,000	50%
At least \$26,001 but less than \$27,000	45%
At least \$27,000 but less than \$28,000	40%
At least \$28,000 but less than \$29,000	35%

At least \$29,000 but less than \$29,900	30%
At least \$29,900 but less than \$30,800	25%
At least \$30,800 but less than \$31,700	20%
At least \$31,700 but less than \$32,600	15%
At least \$32,600 but less than \$33,500	10%
At least \$33,500 but less than \$34,400	5%

The exemption will affect the assessment rolls with taxable status dates occurring on or after January 2, 2006 and will apply to the 2007-2008 School and the 2006 Municipal tax levies. The property tax exemption filing period for Senior Citizen Exemptions is September 1st through January 2nd.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

ESTABLISHMENT OF 2007-2008 BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education establish a Budget Advisory Committee, in accordance with Policy No. 2210, for the purpose of enlisting opinions and counsel of the general public regarding the 2007-2008 budget.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Mrs. Watson exited the meeting for a few minutes.

HIGH SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH NORTHROP GRUMMAN

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education ratify the High School Involvement Partnership Agreement with Northrop Grumman for Northrop Grumman to provide vocational mentoring training to selected High School students commencing February 5, 2007 through and including June 5, 2007, at no charge to the District, and further authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (4-0).

RELEASE WITH NATIONAL GRANGE INSURANCE COMPANY

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve a release with National Grange Insurance Company whereby National Grange Insurance Company, the surety to defaulted contractor J Barr, will be released from liability by the District in exchange for their full compensation of costs of contractor RVS to perform J Barr's work, as described in the tender agreement and exhibits to the tender agreement, and an additional payment of \$20,500 to account for construction management fees, and further authorizes the Board President to sign the release on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (4-0).

TRANSFER OF MONIES

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education transfer \$353,678 which is no longer needed for the ADA projects for which it was designated, from the District's Capital Fund to its General Fund.

All aye. Motion carried (4-0).

Mrs. Watson returned to the meeting.

Mr. Kelly requested that Ms. Israelton step forward and announced that he would read the following resolution with great pleasure:

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District hereby appoints Anna Israelton to serve in the position of Member of the Board of Education to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Louis Orfan. This appointment shall be effective immediately upon her taking and filing the oath of office, and the appointee shall serve until the next regular school district election.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The public applauded Ms. Israelton's appointment.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Marsh welcomed Ms. Israelton to the Board of Education.
- High School students recently held a concert in the newly renovated Bethpage High School Center for the Performing Arts, which turned out to be terrific.
- Residents were invited to join the Budget Advisory Committee.
- High School Senior Brittany Hervey has been nominated for the Nassau County Sports Commission Eva Tucci Female Student Athlete Award.
- Dr. Marsh encouraged residents to participate in the Relay for Life which is scheduled to take place on February 28th between 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Bethpage Jewish Community Center.
- The PTA is sponsoring a blood drive on February 8th, between 3:30-8:45 p.m., in the High School Cafeteria. Please consider donating, since there is a shortage of blood.
- The District is researching full-day kindergarten; meetings will be publicized.

Mr. Clark also noted that:

- The "Read to Achieve" program, which is comprised of scholar athletes who have been mentoring younger students, is scheduled to be held on February 8th at Bethpage High School. Third graders from across the District have been invited to participate that evening.

- The PTA is sponsoring an Internet Safety Meeting on March 15th. Cablevision will be providing a speaker for the evening.
- The third annual Astronomy Night is scheduled for Friday, March 23rd. Over 900 participants attended last year's event.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

The Board entertained questions/comments from the public.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 13, 2007 – 7:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Boardroom

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 – 8:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting – JFK Middle School

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contracts and particular personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board exit Executive Session.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board adjourn the Regular Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk